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### Biographies



**Aleida Assmann** studied English Literature and Egyptology at the universities Heidelberg and Tuebingen. Since 1993 she holds the chair of English Literature and Literary Theory at the University of Konstanz, Germany. She taught as a guest professor at various universities (Princeton, Yale, Chicago and Vienna). In 2008 she received an Honorary Degree from the University of Oslo, in 2014 the Heineken Price for History of the Royal Netherland Academy of Sciences. The Max Planck Research Award (2009) allowed her to establish a research group on memory and history (2009-2015). Her main areas of research are historical anthropology, history of media, history and theory of reading and writing, cultural memory, with special emphasis on Holocaust and trauma. Latest publications in English: *Memory in a Global Age: Discourses, Practices and Trajectories* (ed. with Sebastian Conrad, 2010), *Cultural Memory and Western Civilization: Functions, Media, Archives* (2012), *Memory and Political Change* (ed. with Linda Shortt, 2012), *Introduction to Cultural Studies: Topics, Concepts, Issues* (2012).



**Dirk Auer** studied Political Science and Sociology in Giessen, Oldenburg and Bremen (Germany). He received his Ph.D. in 2003 from the Department of Sociology at the University in Oldenburg where he worked as a scientific assistant and lecturer from 1996 to 2003. Afterwards he started to work as a free-lance journalist. In 2006, he moved to Sofia as a South Eastern Europe correspondent for various German-speaking media outlets. Since 2013, he is based in Belgrade. In his work he is focused on minority rights, migration and social movements. He is founder of *balkan:biro*, a network for German speaking journalists reporting from South Eastern Europe.



**Marinko Banjac** has been a teaching assistant in Political Theory at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana since 2007. He has held the position of a researcher at the same faculty since September 2009. His research interests include political theory, theories of citizenship as well as (im)migration, education and multiculturalism in the European Union. He has written several articles on these topics. He was one of the leading researchers on a major citizenship education project co-funded by the European Social Fund, entitled *Citizen(ship) in a New Age*. Currently, he is involved in the implementation of the LLP project (Jean Monnet Action (KA 1) - Information and Research Activities for "Learning EU at School") entitled "Engaging the Youth - Building the Future".



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**Philipp Blom** was born in Hamburg, Germany. After university studies in Vienna and Oxford, he obtained a Ph.D. in Modern History. He started writing at Oxford and published a novel as well as occasional journalism. Later, he worked in London as an editor, translator, writer and freelance journalist, contributing to newspapers, magazines and radio programmes in Great Britain, the US, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, and France. In 2007 he settled in Vienna, where he continues to write historical nonfiction as well as fiction, and journalism. He presents a cultural discussion programme on Austrian national radio and has lectured on philosophy and cultural history in Europe, the US, and South America. His current project is „At Breaking Point“ – a historical overview of culture and life during the inter-War period in Europe and the United States. Latest publications: The Pursuit of Reason – a history of the radical Enlightenment in France (forthcoming), Geister (forthcoming), The Vertigo Years (2008).



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**Pamela Brandt** is an online contributor at the German Federal Agency for Civic Education. She studied History, Journalism, Education and the Romance Studies in Hamburg, Paris and Bordeaux. She has worked as a freelance journalist for print and television, including the broadcasters Pro7, ZDF and MDR. Pamela Brandt completed an internship at the Federal Agency for Civic Education in 2001, and subsequently became an online contributor in the area of multimedia. Her duties there include maintenance of the Federal Agency for Civic Education's website and the online election tool 'Wahl-O-Mat'.



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**Nelly Corbel** is co-director of the John D. Gerhart Center where she founded the University Civic Engagement unit. She is the lead author of a book chapter on best practice in university-based civic engagement with the Talloires Network, a member of the board of advisor for the Community-Based Learning programme at AUC and the vice president and founder of the Lazord Foundation. Nelly Corbel has over 10 years of work experience in university-based civic engagement and citizenship education. She was a Newman fellow for Social Justice, a recipient of the Annenberg fellowship in Paris and the representative of the Dalai Lama Fellowship in Egypt. She holds a Master degree in International Affairs: Civil Society Development and Conflict Resolution from the American University of Paris, a Mastère 2 in Sciences Economiques et Sociales: Sociologie des Conflits from the Institut Catholique de Paris and Bachelors in International Politics from AUP.



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**Reinhard Eckert** is project coordinator of the international school network “aces – Academy of Central European Schools” and member of the senior management team of Interkulturelles Zentrum, Vienna. He has previously worked for the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights as well as in educational, humanitarian and social projects in Albania, Cyprus, Romania and Serbia. His academic background is in educational science and special/therapeutic pedagogies (University of Vienna).



**Judith Fiebelkorn** joined eurotopics as an editor in February 2014. She studied Politics and Sociology in Hanover (Germany) and then completed a cross-media training course at the Protestant School of Journalism (EJS) in Berlin. Prior to her work at eurotopics she was a news editor with the online editing team of the Tagesspiegel.



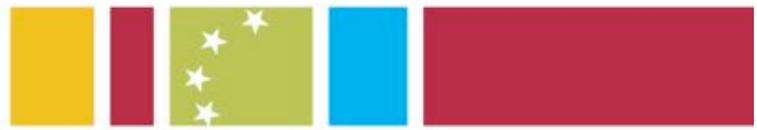
**Heinz Fischer** was elected Federal President of Austria in April 2004, and re-elected for a second and final term in 2010. From 1983 to 1987, he served as the Federal Minister of Science and Research, and from 1990 to 2002, he was the Speaker of the Austrian National Assembly. For several years he also served as the Chairman of the Social Democratic Group in the National Assembly. Born in Graz, Heinz Fischer studied Law and Political Science at the University of Vienna. In 1978, he became an associate professor of political science at the University of Innsbruck and was appointed full professor of political science in 1994. The many honours and awards

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**Kris Grimont** holds an M.A. of Laws at Leuven University (Belgium, 1981). From 1981 till 1984, she was a teaching and research assistant at the Leuven Law Faculty. After a long period of experience in the field of education, she has obtained in 2012 a Master in European Law at the University of Luxembourg. Currently, she is a Ph.D. researcher at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance of the University of Luxembourg, where she conducts a legal analysis of the need of EU citizenship education in schools and of its possible promotion by the European Union (law in context). At Leuven University and in some secondary schools, she held workshops

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**Petra Grüne** has been in charge of the events department at the German Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb since 2006. She has been working at the bpb since 1991 in a number of different fields and position, including heading a comprehensive evaluation of the bpb in 1999 that eventually led to a restructuring of the organisation. She was the initiator of NECE initiative that she manages today together with Christoph Müller-Hofstede.



**Caroline Hornstein Tomić** holds an M.A. in Cultural Anthropology and a doctoral degree in Sociology from Goethe University / Frankfurt Main. She is senior research associate at Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences in Zagreb, assistant professor at the Chair for Anthropology at the Zagreb University, and research consultant for different IOs and NGOs. Her fields of interest cover migration and related policies, skilled and re-migration, knowledge and culture transfers, interethnic relations, gender and identity politics, and state building processes in SOE. Her current research project “Remigrations and transformations in post-socialist European regions” is funded by the ERSTE Foundation.



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**Thomas Krüger** is the president of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education. In 1989, Thomas Krüger was a founding member of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in the former GDR, and he became executive director of the SDP in Berlin (East) in 1990. After a stint as first deputy to the mayor of East Berlin, Thomas Krüger became deputy chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany in Berlin (East/West) from 1990 to 1992. From 1991 to 1994 he worked as the city's Senator for Youth and Family Affairs. He was also a member of the German Parliament, the Bundestag, from 1994 to 1998, a board member of the cultural forum of the SPD, and a member of Berlin's International City Commission. Thomas Krüger was appointed president of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education in July of 2000. He studied Theology in Berlin and Eisenach.



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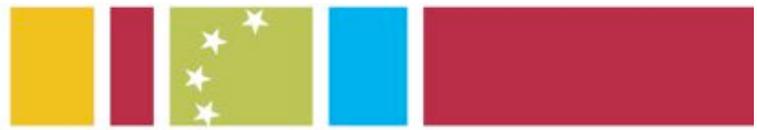
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